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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

May 28, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Texas Southmost College District convened in open session on May 28, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Gorgas Board Room at Texas Southmost College. Board members present were Francisco G. Rendon, Chair; Trey Mendez, Vice Chair; Adela G. Garza, Dr. Reynaldo García, Ramon Champion Hinojosa and Art Rendon. Absent was Ed Rivera, Secretary. Also present was Dr. Lily F. Tercero, President of Texas Southmost College.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendon at 5:40 p.m.

2. Speakers to Agenda Items and Public Discussion

There were no speakers.

3. Mission Statement

Chairman Rendon read the mission and role and scope for Texas Southmost College District as follows:

Mission:

Transforming our communities through innovative learning opportunities.

Role and Scope:

Texas Southmost College's mission is guided by our commitment to provide:

- University transfer, career, and technical programs leading to an associate degree or certificate along with courses specializing in college preparatory and developmental education, workforce training, adult literacy, and continuing

education to support the evolving needs of citizens, industry, and economic development initiatives within Cameron and Willacy Counties.

- High-quality instruction and learning opportunities in the classroom, online, and through other delivery methods; a supportive and innovative faculty and staff; appropriate technology, equipment, and learning resources; and advising and assessment services to promote transfer to a four-year baccalaureate institution, entry or advancement in the workforce, or lifelong learning.
- A learning-centered, service-oriented environment that celebrates diversity and inclusion; facilitates growth and development; fosters social responsibility, critical thinking, communication, and innovation; and empowers and engages students, faculty and staff to achieve personal and professional goals.
- Institutional effectiveness that embraces individual accountability, data-informed decision making, change, and an unending pursuit of excellence.

4. Update on the 84th Legislature

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to present the item. Dr. Tercero introduced Mr. Buddy Garcia, Governmental and Public Affairs Consultant. Mr. Garcia gave an update to the Board on the 84th Legislature. He stated that some bills for TSC had been filed: House Bill 1712 by Representative René Oliveira and Senate Bill 2017 by Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. These bills however, did not make it out of committee. He stated the issue was how community colleges are funded and that the legislature, in general, was not interested in funding items outside of formula-based, funding.

Dr. Tercero stated that the state appropriation amounts for each of the 50 community colleges have not been confirmed; however, based on the actions taken by the Legislature, Texas community colleges will not be receiving the level of state support that the TACC and CCATT have been seeking. She stated that at every legislative session, community colleges do not receive the level of funding needed to continue to keep up with enrollment growth. She also stated that community colleges are funded as a group, while universities receive separate state appropriations.

5. President's Report

Chairman Rendon called on Dr. Tercero to give the report. Dr. Tercero announced new staff members: Rosanna Castillo, Adjunct CE Instructor, English in the Workplace, Workforce Training and Continuing Education; Gabriela Cavazos, Adjunct CE Instructor, English in the Workplace, Workforce and Continuing

Education; Crystal Estrada, Accounting Clerk II, Business Services; Bethzabel Santos, Accounting Clerk II, Business Services; JoAnna Cervantes, Administrative Assistant, Allied Health; Maria Guadalupe "Lupita" Castillo-Medellin, Coordinator of Financial Aid Programs; Cherie Lynn Gallardo, Coordinator of Advising and Orientation, Admissions and Records; Thelma Gonzalez Sullivan, Coordinator of Transfer, Career and Employment Services, Student Services; Gilbert Carlos Sanchez, Building Maintenance Worker, Facilities and Physical Plant.

Dr. Tercero announced that she will be presenting at the National Community College Hispanic Council (NCCHC), Leadership Fellows Program. She is deeply honored to have been selected to serve as one of the presenters at the 2015 Leadership Fellows Program of the NCCHC, which will be held on June 12th, at the University of San Diego, where the program is maintained.

Dr. Tercero updated the Board on the Accreditation Process. She reported that TSC has received confirmation that the Accreditation Onsite Visit will occur on August 18-20, 2015. TSC is scheduled to submit the Compliance Certification Report by the end of June. This document will be forwarded to the members of the visiting team. They will begin reviewing the document in preparation for the visit in August. At this time, TSC has not received information as to the membership of the visiting team. TSC is very excited that the SACSCOC was able to assemble a team for the visit in August.

Dr. Tercero presented a video to the Board, highlighting TSC Graduates. This video was shown prior to the start of the graduation ceremony.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Mendez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garza and carried unanimously.

7. Executive Session as provided by Government Code, Chapter 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:41 p.m.

8. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Consultation with Attorney on Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

No action was taken.

Consultation with Attorney on Pending Real Estate Issues, Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.

No action was taken.

Deliberation on Personnel Matters, Section 551.074, Texas Government Code. The deliberation may include a discussion of the evaluation and employment contract of the President and the Board of Trustees' Appraisal Process

No action was taken.

9. Proposed Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 25, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rendon at 7:43 p.m.



Mr. Francisco G. Rendon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Mr. Ed Rivera
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTE: The tape of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting held on May 28, 2015, is on file at the District Office of the Texas Southmost College District. The master tape is on file at TSC Media Services. These minutes were taken and transcribed by Max E. Roca, Senior Administrative Assistant. Videotaping of the Board of Trustees' meetings began on April 11, 1996. They are aired on Channel KBSD in cooperation with the Brownsville Independent School District.